The men’s varsity lacrosse team suffered a loss against Providence High School, which knocked them out of the playoffs and robbing them of their state title. The Cougars are nationally ranked 396 and in state they are ranked 15.

“Our expectations coming into the game were that we were going to seek some revenge after losing to Providence earlier in the season by one goal,” said Connor Flynn.

Early in the game, the Cougars could not get things started, they were quickly scored on by the Panthers. Then, Adam Hebert scored a goal, which changed the whole momentum of the game. The goal helped to pump up the team and quick goals were scored by Nick Sawyer, Connor Flynn, and R.J. Loesh to cut the lead to 1. A crease violation during a shot cost the cougars valuable points in the long run.

“Lane Beach also carried our team, with great saves, even though he was playing through a broken hand,” said Flynn.

After the half, the cougars continued dominance by taking control of the game. In the fourth quarter the score was 9 to 9. The teams both played great defense, but with time running down Providence scored a final goal, and by then it was too late for the Cougars to recover and tie the game.

“What hurt our team most in that game was not finishing our shots and bad lacrosse IQ. Everyone was responsible for making mistakes, including myself,” said Flynn.

“I think throughout the season, our inability to close out games plagued us, and it was a problem in this game as we gave up a late lead,” said Brad Nelson.

The captains of the varsity team were seniors Adam Hebert and Lane Beach, but Mike Turley, Connor Murray, and James Clark also stepped up throughout the year as well.

“I believe our team leaders were all the seniors, their experience and maturity helped us keep our eye on the goal towards the end of the season,” said Nelson.

The team will be losing eleven seniors next season, but the team also has some great players from J.V. ready to move up and show their worth and strength to the team.

“Led by our great coaching staff and seniors, I believe we will be able to make a great run at states next year,” said Nelson.

“My expectations for next year are very high because of the talent we have returning. We have seven returning starters and our second and third line players are going to have the ability to step into some main roles, which they are more than capable of doing,” said Flynn.

Providence has gone on to win their next two games and are awaiting to play their fourth round playoff game.